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THE CONVENTION OF THE TEACHERS

BEGINS IN ARCADIA NEXT FRIDAY, DEC. 1

The DeSoto County Teachers' Association will meet in Arcadia Dec. 1 and 2, and a large attendance is expected.

The following is the program for the session:

FRIDAY MORNING—10:30.

Meeting called to order by president singing and devotional exercise. Address of welcome by Mayor. Response by Supt. Brown. Organization and enrollment. Appointment of committees. Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—1:00.

Spelling: Different Methods of Teaching—Miss Ethel Miles. Rules and Diacritical Marks—Miss Maggie Stetson. Should Spelling be Taught With Other Branches?—Prof. R. D. Moore. Why Do We Have So Few Good Spellers?—Mrs. Huldah Smith. Spelling Matches—Uses and Abuses—H. G. Murphy. Reading: Relative Value of Reading to Other Studies—Miss Almira Leitner. Why Do Children Read so Poorly?—Mrs. Cora Duncan. What is the Difference Between Advanced and Primary Reading?—Miss Flavius Cason. Relative Value of the Word, Sentence and Alphabet Methods?—Mrs. C. W. McEwen. What Are Some of the Mistakes in Teaching Reading?—Miss Lily Geiger. Should We Have a Teachers' Library, if so How Can We Secure It?—Miss Donna Odom. Report on School Libraries.—Supt. Brown. School Government: What is the End of School Government?—Prof. E. L. Richardson. Why Do So Many Teachers Fail in Government?—Mrs. Rickard. To What Extent Should a Teacher Understand Psychology?—Prof. P. G. Shaver. What is School Method?—Miss Esther LeGette. What is the End of Punishment and How Should We Punish?—Miss Chesley Skipper. Relation of Teacher to Parent.—J. F. Murphy. What Shall We Do With the Dull Pupil?—J. S. Carlton. How Can We Secure Better Attendance?—Miss Era Dawson. Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING—8:30.

Arithmetic: Relation of Mental to Practical Arithmetic.—Prof. C. H. Paul. Why are so Few Pupils Able to Analyze in Arithmetic?—Prof. E. J. Murphy. To What Extent Should Objects Be Used in Teaching Arithmetic?—Miss Grace Stephens. How Teach the Fundamental Principles?—T. S. Blackburn. The Relative Importance of Fractions.—Garfield Johnson. Should the Teacher Give Work not in the Text? If so, to What Extent?—Miss Lois Porter. Methods and Management: What Should Be the Qualifications of the Teacher?—Prof. Eugene Murphy. Importance of the Recitation—How Conducted?—Miss Laura Mitchell. What is Good Order? How Secured?—Prof. E. J. Murphy. What Stress Should be Put on Drills, Reviews and Examinations?—R. L. Hart. Should Prizes, Rewards, etc. be Granted?—Mrs. Geo. Carlton. Grammar: What is the Psychological Value of Grammar?—Prof. J. H. Fulk. To What Extent Should Analyzing be Taught?—Miss Cornelia Orr. To What Extent Should Diagramming be Taught?—Miss Alice Leitner. To What Extent Should Written Work be Required?—Miss May Lewis. Why do so Many Pupils Dislike Grammar?—Miss Maggie Carlton. What Should Pupils be Taught in Language Lessons?—Miss F. Wilkison. Adjournment.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—1:00.

History: Why Do Pupils Have Trouble in the Study?—W. B. Jones. Relation to Geography.—Miss Zilla Murphy. Method of Reciting.—Miss Helen Wilson. To What Extent Should Current History be Taught?—T. G. Brantley. Should History be Taught as a Reading Lesson? Why?—Oran Baldwin. Value of Short Reviews in History.—Y. W. Merriner. Geography: How and to What Extent Should Oral Geography be Taught?—Miss Harriet Heusted. How to Conduct the Recitation.—Miss Ida Bagwell. Should Nature Work be Taught in Geography, and to What Extent?—Miss Ella Beeson. Value of Map Drawing.—G. W. Alexander. What are the Most Serious Mistakes in Teaching Geography?—A. A. Price. Physiology: Should Oral Physiology be Taught, if so, to What Extent?—S. G. Hull. Relative Value of Physiology, Hygiene, Anatomy.—W. A. Hendry. What are Some of the Mistakes Sometimes Made in Teaching Physiology?—Leslie Skipper. Writing: How Should It Be Taught?—J. A. Hughes. Why are so Many Pupils Deficient in Writing?—Miss Laura Lewis. Should the Child be Allowed to Use Script from the Beginning?—Miss Blanche Perry. Miscellaneous business. Reading of minutes. Adjournment.

Gardner

Gardner, Nov. 20.—Regular services were held on last Sunday by Rev. R. Y. Walden and was well represented from all points and especially from Brownville.

Messrs. Worth and Wilkinson, of Wauchula, were visiting friends and relatives of this place last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jones, of Owens, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Vick, this week.

Bryant McCorquodale and sister, Miss Florence, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Misses Artie and Hulda Albritton, two of Arcadia's charming young ladies, were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mertie Coker, the prominent teacher of Oak Creek, paid homefolks a pleasant visit Saturday, returning to her duties Monday morning.

Dan Parker, of Bowling Green, was casting winning smiles at one of Gardner's fair sex Sunday.

Fred Durrance, one of Bowling Green's most handsome young men, who had been assisting his cousin, Neil Durrance, in the telegraph office here, returned to his home Sunday. We regret the departure of Fred very much and hope he will soon return.

Miss Maune Parker, of Arcadia, was visiting her sister, Miss Carrie, last Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Cline and her daughter, Kate, and Mrs. Bennett, of Nocatee, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Miss Minnie Moore, of Brownville, was the guest of the Misses Cokers Sunday.

J. B. Durrance, of Lily, paid his son, Neil, of this place, a pleasant visit Sunday.

Jim Murphy and daughter, Zilla, were the guests of Mrs. Fate Waldron Sunday.

Lacy Wiggins, of Plant City, was among our callers Sunday.

Lee Parker, one of Bowling Green's most prominent young men, who has been working here in the oranges for the past few weeks, returned to his home Monday. Mr. Parker is missed very much in our community and especially in our choir, as he is an excellent tenor singer.

The members of Gardner church and others that are interested in the building of a church house here, are requested to meet at the school house at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, Nov. 29, for the purpose of drawing up some kind of a plan for building a house large enough to seat the congregation that assembles here on every third Sunday.

We are very glad to report that our church has re-elected R. Y. Walders as pastor for an unlimited time.

Thomas Waldron, of Arcadia, was in our midst Sunday evening.

Allen Durrance, of Bowling Green, was visiting relatives here Friday and Saturday.

T. W. Coker and Dave Harris, two of Gardner's handsome young men, who have been engaged in the orange work at Ft. Ogden for a few days, were calling here Sunday.

We are glad to welcome into our midst as one of our citizens Mr. O'Neil and family, from Georgia.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the Thanksgiving picnic at the school house.

Mrs. Branda, of Brownville, was among the many visitors here Sunday.

Oliver Ellis, of Arcadia, was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Brownville

Brownville, Nov. 21.—Quite a number of our folks are attending the Fair this week.

Oranges are still being shipped in large quantities from this place.

W. H. Williams is among the many who are having new houses erected.

Miss Effie Hollingsworth returned Saturday from an extended visit in North Carolina and Georgia.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Frank Baldwin, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is slowly recovering.

Miss Ada Waldron, of Cleveland, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks. She was accompanied back by her little sister, Eula.

Mrs. L. A. Ford and little daughter, Mildred, left Tuesday for Hawthorne, where she will spend a month with her mother.

Miss Piney Moore entertained the young folks at a pound party Friday night.

Crewsville

Crewsville, Nov. 23.—Dr. A. J. Hannah, of Wauchula, made this place a professional call last week.

Jack Skipper is visiting Green Springs and other places this week.

J. R. Hudson is shipping his oranges this week and says he will have about 600 boxes this season.

Rev. J. H. Brantley filled his regular appointment at this place last Saturday and Sunday.

We regret very much to have to report the illness of the child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis this week, which is reported very low.

Road supervisor, W. R. Oberly, with his crew of hands has been at work on the roads east of this place for the past week.

Our school is progressing nicely and the patrons as far as they have expressed themselves are pleased to know that Jos. H. Brown has secured Miss Ida Bagwell to teach the 1906 term of school for us.

SUGGESTS IMPROVEMENT OF HEN IN FLORIDA

Tampa Times: We regret to see our esteemed contemporary the Jacksonville Times-Union, make a break in any direction, although it is inspired by the most patriotic impulses. Under the caption of "Recognize the Home Hen" it makes a plea for the confinement of the State Fair prizes to the Florida raised poultry. That idea is no doubt, as we remarked in the beginning, purely patriotic, but it is wrong. Circumstances belonging to the past and now beyond control have made the Florida hen inferior to her more favored sisters in other States. She has not received the careful attention that has been bestowed upon the fortunate cooped located further north, for example.

Our Florida hen does not grow to the same size nor lay so many eggs, as the hen of New Jersey or of Rhode Island or New York. It is therefore developed upon us to reinforce her by the introduction of other and better strains, and to get those strains into our midst we must offer their owners and exhibitors the encouragement of such prizes at our poultry shows as their merits entitle them to win.

Those of them who establish a high rank in the fierce competition of the show yard will become incorporated among our own flocks and amalgamate with the humble Florida hen and improve her progeny.

We allow no one to out do us in affection for any loyalty to the Florida hen—but, like the Florida cow and the Florida razorback, she needs improvement. He is a mistaken advocate of the Florida hen who insists that she should be shut away and protected from the competition of the more richly and carefully bred hen of more northern latitudes. It is our fond desire to see the best hens of the north and west introduced to Florida, where the climate and the soil and productions are so favorable to their development still beyond their now recognized excellence, and where we may see them reach the very acme of poultry perfection. We firmly believe in hens with the same blind confidence the traditional Missourian had in whiskey. He held that it was all good, but some was better. All hens are good, but some are better than others, and owing to our surroundings and accommodations we have not possessed ourselves of the best, neither have we developed them from such beginnings as we did have.

Florida is now on the threshold of a great revival, in which the hen will bear a worthy part. Give the hen the best possible show.

The Debating Club.

The young men's debating club held a lively and interesting meeting last Monday evening. The subject debated was, "Resolved that a dry country is financially better off than a wet one."

Almost all the members were present while two new names were enrolled.

Next Monday night the question of government ownership of railroads will be discussed.

The affirmative side will be upheld by Hilton Johnson and H. M. Whidden, while W. C. Langford and Harley Watson will support the negative.

The Reading Room and Debating Club are solely for the benefit of the young men and it is hoped as many as can will avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

New President of A. C. L.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line held in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, T. M. Emerson, of Wilmington, was elected president, vice R. T. Erwin, resigned.

Mr. Emerson was formerly fourth vice-president and traffic manager. He succeeded Erwin on the board of directors. All the other officers and directors were re-elected. Alex. Hamilton, former second vice-president, was promoted to first vice-president. C. S. Gadsden was promoted from third to second vice-president. J. R. Kenly was made third vice-president. A dividend of 8 per cent was declared on the stock, placing it on a 6 instead of 5 per cent basis. The annual report showed an increase in mileage, gross and net receipts. President Emerson started with the road in the local freight offices in Wilmington, N. C., at \$75 a month.

THE MEAN THING.



Rosebud: "The brute! He had the impudence to dare to try to kiss me; but, fortunately, some one came along just at the time."

Horrid Old Woman: "Never mind, my dear; you can easily give him another opportunity."

CROWDS ATTENDING THE BIG FAIR

THE HOMESEAKER

Florida's Plan of Inducement Should Be Improved—California's Tide.

At this time, when attempts are being made to induce immigration to Florida, and it is stated that the railways leading into this State are expending money and energy to secure homeseekers to visit here, it must be admitted that the plans for such work are defective judging by the results.

The following dispatch from Los Angeles shows that the method used to attract the settler to California is more vigorous in every way, submitting whatever ratio of condition and inducement that an investigator may care to apply:

"In excess of 25,000 colonists were landed in Los Angeles during October and the early days of November by the Santa Fe and Salt Lake line. Southern Pacific figures are being compiled in San Francisco and are due to arrive here in a few days. Figures quoted are official and include arrivals landed during the first four days of November. They had been ticketed last month and failed to reach their destination until November 4. Several hundred did not reach here until November 5, and their number has not yet been compiled."

"Southern Pacific figures are expected to swell the totals about 40 per cent. The above includes only tickets sold at reduced one-fare colonist rates, which means altogether second-class passengers. The total of arrivals, of all descriptions, was not far short of 50,000 during the entire month. Between November 1 and 4 there arrived over the Santa Fe a total of 3,100 colonists."

The Florida Movement.

The Packer prints the following dispatch from Chicago, dated Nov. 18:

"The past two weeks has seen a rush of homeseekers to the South, principally to the fruit and trucking sections of the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. On the 7th, there were hundreds of homeseekers who went down to Florida, the major portion of them going down the east coast. On the 14th, there was possibly the heaviest movement of homeseekers South that has been known in years, the movement being principally to Florida points. So heavy was the movement that special trains had to be run south of the Ohio river."

"L. Larson, western passenger agent of the Florida East Coast Railway, said this week: 'There has been a heavy movement of homeseekers going south this fall, and these people for the most part, are seeking fruit and trucking lands, and I am glad to say our road is attracting a good share of them. This season, these homeseekers are people who have means with which to buy and develop farms. They are not novices at farming, and they will make a valuable class of citizens to any community.'"

Thanksgiving Joys.

Below we give some Thanksgiving joys recently enumerated by Dr. U. P. Jacobs, superintendent of one of the finest orphanages in the United States, the Thornwell, at Clinton, S. C. The course of study in the school of this Presbyterian Home is as high as that of our best colleges. The children leave this home prepared to enter the business circle as bookkeepers, lawyers, teachers, missionaries, preachers, and skilled in a number of trades, scientific farmers and other businesses. He has been a sympathetic counselor of the Sept. of our orphanage since its beginning. South Carolina has a number of orphanages to support. Florida has but one. We have in view the high ends and aims of the Thornwell. The friends everywhere who have money to invest could not put it anywhere for the greatest good than in our Home to develop this one of the greatest developments of Florida.

"The Almighty Father has blessed our Southland beautifully this season. 'Our fields have yielded their increase.'"

"Cotton is king once more and is doing his best to make the land smile under his beneficent reign."

"Let us be glad."

"And rejoicing ourselves, do not let us forget hundreds of little fatherless children gathered into our orphanages."

"Let us make this year the best they ever had."

"Send good stores of corn, flour, meat, sprang, eggs, butter, etc."

"Send money that answereth all things."

"In our own plenty do not let us forget to spread the table of those who have nothing."

"It was Job who said: 'If I have eaten my morsel alone and the fatherless here have not eaten thereof, then let mine arm fall from the shoulder-blade and my arm be broken from the bone.'"

Mrs. F. M. Bax.

MANY ARCADIA PEOPLE ENJOYING EVENT.

The great Florida State Fair, now in progress at Tampa, is pronounced by thousands of visitors to be the grandest fair ever held by any State in the Union.

The second week of the Fair opened Monday, and since that day the attendance has been constantly swelling, owing to the many special attractions offered the public.

The big crowds are being taken care of in an excellent manner, hundreds finding accommodations in private homes as in the scores of hotels and boarding houses operating in Tampa during the tourist season.

Arcadia is well represented at the Fair, many leaving on every train since Monday morning.

A number of Confederate Veterans left Thursday to be present at the reunion held in Tampa to-day.

Even to Floridians the Fair is a revelation. It is doubtful if any other State could make the varied display of products to be found there.

Aside from the pleasure to be found in looking at the exhibits the amusements provided for the visitors is good. To those who are fond of racing the events occurring on the track each afternoon should prove of special interest. The races will continue until the closing day, Nov. 30.

IN CALIFORNIA

Orange News in that State of Interest to Floridians.

In a summary of California orange production the Los Angeles Times says:

"Redlands claims the banner for sending out the car of oranges that brought the highest figure of all, \$2,700—it is believed to have touched the very pinnacle of price. The shipper was Nathan Loucks, and the fruit was taken from the five-acre grove of A. Quinten, a wealthy Colorado man, who spends but a few weeks each year at Redlands. The car which contained nearly 450 boxes, had the distinction of being the last one of the season to go forward from that place. The fruit late Valencia, went direct to New York, late in August."

"Picture the entire crop of oranges last season selling at the top-notch price that C. C. Chapman of Fullerton received for his late Valencia, some of which sold on the New York market at \$9 a box, netting the grower \$7. Apply such a return to the entire orange-shipment of the season, 25,671 cars of 362 boxes each, the smallest number loaded in any car, and the total of 9,262,902 boxes at \$7 each, net, would place in the hands of the growers the enormous sum of \$65,050,314!"

"But this is getting into the realm of high fancy—not to say high finance—for it is a saddening fact that there were growers who received as little as 46 cents a box, net, for fruit in the raising of which they had expended weeks and months of toil, and the total net result to the growers was nearer \$10,000,000 than \$65,000,000."

SEABOARD EXTENSION

Building in Manatee County—Going to Boca Grande.

Tampa Times: The Seaboard Air Line railway Monday broke first dirt on an extension of that line from Fruitville, in Manatee county to Boca Grande, a distance of sixty-six miles.

A large force is at work upon which will be pushed rapidly, and the entire line will be completed within a very short time.

The construction of this extension explains to a certain extent the frequent visits paid by Seaboard officials to this city and section during the past two weeks. The exact object of the Seaboard in constructing this line is not known, as it is considered that the line is already extended as far south as patronage will justify. Boca Grande furnishes natural deep water, but the Seaboard has already purchased valuable property in Tampa for the erection of terminals, and will not use Boca Grande as a terminal in preference to this city. The Seaboard, however, is doing much toward bringing desirable homeseekers to the Manatee section and will in all probability open up the rich country to be traversed by the new line for the benefit of colonists.

Another New Line.

See Hotels & Restaurants, Tampa, for Vehicles, Harness, etc.

Latest styles of men's suits, and children's hats, reduced prices at Carleton's. We guarantee our suits the lowest ever made in Tampa.